



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re: Devins, et al.  
 Serial No.:  
 Filed: Herewith  
 Title: Method and System for Logic Verification  
 Using Mirror Interface

Date: March 26, 2001  
 Group Art Unit:  
 Examiner:

**PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.47**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20201

Sir:

This petition is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47(a) involving a filing where one of the inventors refuses to join other inventors in an application for patent. Mr. Peter LaFauci has refused to join in the above-identified application after diligent efforts were made to have the Mr. LaFauci execute the declaration and assignment documents. At the time of invention Mr. LaFauci was an employee of International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) and was obligated under his employment agreement with IBM to assign his rights to the invention and to cooperate with IBM in the execution of the documents relating to the acquisition of patent rights.

The facts relating to this refusal are set forth in the attached declarations of facts submitted by Ms. Maryann Luisi who had first hand knowledge of the facts relating to verbal refusal to sign and our diligent efforts to obtain his signature. Copies of the supporting are attached to that declaration and along with Mr. LaFauci's employment agreement.

The last known address of Mr. LaFauci is the following:

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Therefore, Applicant's respectfully request that the application filed contemporaneously with this petition be accepted as complete.

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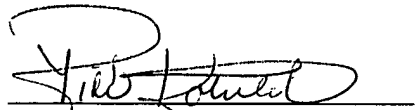
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Respectfully submitted,  
For: Devins, et al.

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